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REPRESENTATIVE

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2. FRECHETTE-ZAMBITO TELCON OF JUNE 16

1. ICJ REPRESENTATIVE JOSE CABRANES, NOW IN RIO,
REPORTED TO CONGEN OFFICER THAT, UPON ARRIVAL IN
BUENOS AIRES SHORTLY AFTER NOON ON JUNE 16 ABOARD
PAA 201, HE HAD BEEN DETAINED BY
PLAIN CLOTHES AND UNIFORMED PERSONNEL WHO IDENTIFIED
THEMSELVES AS FEDERAL POLICE.
THEY SAID THEY HAD BEEN EXPECTING
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HIM. HE WAS HELD INCOMMUNICADO AT AIRPORT UNTIL 1830

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WHEN HE WAS PUT ABOARD A VARIG FLIGHT TO RIO DE JANEIRO
WHERE HE ARRIVED LATE EVENING OF JUNE 16. DURING DETENTION
ENTRE CONTENTS OF HIS BRIEFCASE CONTAINING: NEWS
CLIPPINGS AND OTHER MATERIAL HE RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT
OF STATE, FILES ON INDIVIDUAL CASES AND REPORTS
OBTAINED FROM UN, COPY OF EARLY DRAFT OF THE REFERENCE,
AS WELL AS NAMES OF SUGGESTED CONTACTS AT EMBASSIES
AND CONSULATES ON HIS ITINERARY WERE XEROXED BY ARGENTINE
OFFICIALS. CABRANES SAID HE WAS GIVEN NO REASON FOR HIS DETENTION
OTHER THAN "SUPERIOR ORDERS" AND WAS SPECIFICALLY
DENIED ACCESS TO AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICER. BEFORE
BEING PUT ABOARD VARIG AIRCRAFT, HE WAS GIVEN OPTION
OF "GOING DOWNTOWN" TO TALK TO A "MORE SENIOR OFFICIAL"
BUT WAS DENIED ANY ASSURANCE OF ACCESS TO AMERICAN CON-
SULAR OFFICER.

2. CABRANES, SHAKEN BY HIS EXPERIENCE, SAID HE HAD DESTROYED MOST
OF THE MATERIAL FROM STATE DEPARTMENT AND UN SOURCES
ON AIRCRAFT EN ROUTE RIO DE JANEIRO. CABRANES DOES NOT
REPEAT NOT WISH VISIT ANY COUNTRY ON ITINERARY IN WHICH
POSSIBILITY EXISTS OF EXPERIENCE SIMILAR TO THAT HE
SUFFERED IN BUENOS AIRES.

3. ALTHOUGH CABRANES' PARTICIPATION IN THIS TRIP IS
IN HIS PRIVATE CAPACITY AS A DISTINGUISHED LAWYER,
HE HAS DECIDED NOT TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF THIS WITH THE
PRESS BECAUSE OF HIS OFFICIAL CONNECTIONS WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO.

4. FOR BUENOS AIRES - CABRANES REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY
CONTACT HECTOR CUADRA, (SEE REF) WHO IS NOW IN BUENOS
AIRES REGISTERED AT CITY HOTEL AND WHO CAN ALSO BE
REACHED THROUGH MIXICAN EMBASSY. CABRANES WISHES
CUADRA TO ENSURE THAT ALL OTHER COUNTRIES ON ITINERARY
GIVE PERMISSION FOR VISIT OF GROUP BEFORE PROCEEDING
WITH TRIP.
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